Mumbai/Karachi/Mumbai
Calcutta/Bangkok/Calcutta
Delhi/Calcutta/Bangkok & RT
Calcutta/Kathmandu/Calcutta
Delhi/Sharjah/Kuwait & RT
Delhi/Ahmedabad/Muscat & RT
Madras/Bangkok/Madras
Calicut/Goa/Kuwait & RT
Calicut/Doha/Baharain & RT
Trivandrum/Male/Trivandrum
Trivandrum/Colombo/Trivandrum

HUB & SPOKE FLIGHTS

Mumbai/Hyderabad/Mumbai
Mumbai/Ahmedabad/Mumbai
Delhi/Ahmedabad/Delhi
Delhi/Amritsar/Delhi

JOINT VENTURE FLIGHTS

Calicut/Dubai/Calicut
Calicut/Muscat/Calicut
Calicut/Abu Dhabi/Calicut

Development of Tourism facilities in Eastern Ghats of Andhra Pradesh

1577. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA SWAMY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governments have made any effort to develop tourism facilities in the Eastern Ghats in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any Government team have visited Araku Valley and other sports in East Godavari district to develop tourism; and

(d) the steps proposed in this regard to develop tourism in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The Department of Tourism, Government of India has sanctioned 6 projects amounting to Rs. 91.96 lakhs for development of Tourist facilities in the eastern ghats including Araku Valley in Andhra Pradesh.

(c) and (d) A Central Government team has not visited Araku Valley to develop tourism. However, the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has drawn up a comprehensive Tourism Master Plan for the development of Tourism in the State and Araku Valley has been identified as special tourism area for development and investment.

Upgradation of ITDC Plan

1578. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether ITDC propose Rs. 410 crore plan for upgradation;

(b) if so, what are the main new projects ITDC plans to undertake;

(c) whether any final decision has been taken in this regard; and

(d) if so, by when the work on the project is likely to started?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The tentative Ninth Five year Plan (1997—2002) of the ITDC include the following components:—

1. Reconstruction of Lodhi, Janpath and Ranjit Hotels.
2. Construction of Hotel at Chandigarh.
3. Expansion of few existing hotels, renovation/upgradation of various units, transport and misc. schemes.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Effect of Bad Advance on Profitability of Banks

1579. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:
SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that a number of banks have declared large amounts,

mainly consisting of irrecoverable loans from defaulters, as bad advance;

(b) if so, to what extent this "bad advance" has adversely affected the profitability of those banks;

(c) whether Government propose to ask those banks to declare the names of those defaluters;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) what other steps are being taken to recover the amount of loan in full from such defaluters?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The non-performing assets which comprise sub-standard assets, doubtful assets and loss assets of Public Sector Banks for the year ended 31.03.95 was Rs. 38385.18 crores representing 19.45% of total advances. Sub-standard assets and doubtful assets are not beyond recovery.

(b) Non-performing assets affect the profitability of banks since the funds locked up in such accounts are not immediately available for further deployment and since provisions have to be made as per norms in respect of non-performing advances.

(c) and (d) The existing secrecy laws do not permit such disclosure.

(e) Government and Reserve Bank of India have been impressing upon the banks the need to strengthen their Credit Appraisal Machinery and exercise close supervision and control over advances. Banks have also been advised to set up Recovery Cells at their Head Offices. Branch wise target are fixed by the banks for recovery of Non-Performing Advances (NPA) and the performance of the branch in recovery is to be monitored at Head Office level on monthly basis by the Chief Executives. The Board of Directors is also kept informed about the progress in recovery of quarterly intervals. In the targets of recovery, reduction of NPAs are fixed by RBI for individual national banks after due deliberations with banks' top management. These are monitored by RBI through its periodical meetings with top management of banks.

Cases of Kala Azar in Different States

1580. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of Kala Azar reported from different States in 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97, so far;

(b) whether Government propose to provide proper treatment to those people suffering from Kala Azar; and

(c) if so, the steps taken therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) The number of cases of Kala Azar reported from different states during 1994, 1995 and 1996 (Upto May, 1996) are as under:

Name of the State	1994	1995	1996 (upto May)
Bihar	24391	21045	10208
West Bengal	1149	1552	677
Uttar Pradesh	57	15	NIL
Delhi	55*	NIL	NIL

(*) Imported from endemic areas